

**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

PATENT  
Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 2734.442-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS

Serial No.: 09/987,248

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING  
WATER REMOVAL IN A  
PRESS NIP

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: J. Fortuna

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, and further to the  
Amendment After Final, filed October 23, 2002, which was not entered, and further to  
the Notice of Appeal and extension of time filed concurrently herewith, please amend  
the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 52, 53, 72, 73, and 85-87 as follows:

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